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SUBJECT: MRS. CARTER'S VISIT TO JAMAICA: BIO DATA ON  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE ALBERT URIAH BELINFANTI

REF: STATE 104923

1. FOLLOWING BIO SKETCH IS PROVIDED ON MINISTER OF  
AGRICULTURE ALBERT URIAH BELINFANTI. IT IS PROBABLE THAT HE  
WILL ACCOMPANY MRS. CARTER DURING HER VISIT TO THE BERNARD LOBVE  
SUGAR ESTATE MORNING OF MAY 31.

2. ALBERT URIAH BELINFANTI, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WAS  
BORN ON OCTOBER 16, 1916 AT NEW GREEN, MANCHESTER PARISH,  
JAMAICA. HE WAS EDUCATED AT NEW GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL, ST.  
JOHN'S COLLEGEUJ AND MICO TRAINING COLLEGE -- ALL IN JAMAICA.  
FROM 1938 TO THE MID-1960'S, BELINFANTI WAS A TEACHER AT VARIOUS  
RURAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN JAMAICA AND WAS ACTIVE IN TEACHERS'  
ORGANIZATION. HE CURRENTLY RESIDES IN ULSTER SPRING,  
TRELAWNEY PARISH, WHERE HE IS ACTIVE IN FARMING.

3. BELINFANTI, A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE PEOPLE'S  
NATIONAL PARTY (PNP), WAS FIRST ELECTED A MEMBER OF  
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PARLIAMENT IN 1967 AND WAS RE-ELECTED IN 1972 AND 1976  
AS THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE CONSTITUENCY OF SOUTH  
TRELAWNEY. HE HAS BEEN THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
SINCE OCTOBER 1975.

4. BELINFANTI IS A HANDSOME, HEAVY-SET MAN WITH GREY  
HAIR, AND AN ALWAYS PRESENT SMILE. HE IS A BAPTIST AND

FREEMASON. HIS HOBBIES ARE READING, CRICKET, AND FOOTBALL. ALTHOUGH NOMINALLY A "DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST", HE IS -- LIKE MANY JAMAICAN DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISTS -- A CAPITALIST AT HEART. NONETHELESS, HE IS NOT ABOUT TO

"ROCKTHE BOAT", AND IS NOT A PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT INFLUENCE ONE WAY OR ANOTHER WITHIN THE PRESENT GOVERNMENT. ON THOSE FEW OCCASIONS WHEN HE DOES TAKE A STANCE (SUCH AS DURING CLOSED-DOOR PARTY MEETINGS), HE WILL SUPPORT THE MODERATE WING OF HIS PARTY. HE IS FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE UNITED STATES AND HAS BEEN CRITICAL IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION OF MUCH OF THE RHETORIC OF THE LEFT WING OF HIS PARTY.

5. BELINFANTI MARRIED THE FORMER EVA MAUD MOWATT ON JULY 31, 1941. THEY HAVE THREE SONS (ALBERT, IAN AND PAT) AND ONE DAUGHTER (DAWN). ALBERT ATTENDED HOWARD UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AS OF 1975, PAT WAS WORKING WITH THE JAMAICAN AGENCY FOR PUBLIC INFORMATION (API).  
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